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Antioch Church, Copiah County, Miss., September 25th. 1858.

The Delegates from thirteen Churches, comprising the "Union Baptist Association," met this day with said Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and listened to an able and interesting Introductory Sermon, delivered by Elder Wm. Mulllins, from Titus 2nd chap., 11th verse: "For the Grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men; teaching them, &c.;" Bro. Wm. Green having failed to preach the same from sickness.

After a short recess, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, (Elder Wm. Mullins.)

1st. Letters were presented and read from fourteen Churches; names of Delegates enrolled, and the following Statistical Table formed therefrom. See Appendix. Brethren W. F. Green, and Seth G. Mullins, having been appointed to read the same.

2d. The Association took up the subject of electing officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of Elder Wm. Mullins, Moderator, and Warren M. Ellis, Clerk and Treasurer.

3d. Letters from Corresponding Bodies were called for:

A letter from the Mississippi Association, was presented by her messenger, Rev. Wm. East—read, and the hand of fellowship extended by the Bro. Moderator to her messenger.

4th. The Association appointed the following Committee to arrange preaching during its session, viz: Brethren Edwin Bennley, Rev. Solomon Buffkin, Wm. M. Haley, Jno. Gordon, and Thos. W. Hambleton.

5th. On motion, the following Committees were appointed to arrange business during the Association, viz:

Brethren M. T. Conn, Rev. Wm. F. Green, Rev. Edward R. Freeman; and on motion, the Bro. Moderator and Clerk were added.

On Finance, Brethren James Beesley, John Jasper Green and Wm. L. Holloway.

On Nominations, Brethren Erastus Wheeler, David L. Herring, Jas. Beesley, B. F. Headrick and Joel Fulgham.

6th. Report of Committee on Preaching, who reported as follows, viz: Rev. Seth G. Mullins, will preach on Sabbath morning, at 11 o'clock; Rev. Edward R. Freeman, at 2 o'clock, P.

M.; Rev. Wilson W. Bolles, will preach on Monday morning, 10 o'clock, and Rev. William F. Green, on Monday evening, at 2 o'clock. Report received and adopted.

7th. A Letter of correspondence was received from the Strong River Association, read, and the hand of fellowship extended by the Bro. Moderator to her messenger, Rev. R. D. Middleton.

8th. On motion, Rev. Wilson W. Bolles and Bro. D. J. Brown, were received as messengers from the "Central Association," and the hand of fellowship extended to them; they having presented a copy of their Minutes, which was deemed a sufficient cause for their acceptance as messengers; and on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That any member of this body, on the presentation of a copy of its Minutes to any other Association with whom we correspond, may be recognized in that body as our messenger.

MESSENGERS TO DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS.

9th. The following named Brethren, were appointed as messengers to the different Associations with whom we correspond, viz:

To Central Association, Rev. W. F. Green, Rev. M. T. Conn, Rev. W. Green, and J. Jasper Green.

To Missisippi Association, John J. Green, Rev. Edward R. Freeman, and Rev. Seth G. Mullins.

To Strong River Association, Rev. A. R. Lum and Rev. Solomon Buffkin.

10th. On motion,

Resolved, That we discontinue our correspondence with the Pearl River and Mississippi River Associations.

11th. The following named brethren were appointed as Delegates to the next Baptist State Convention, to convene at Canton, in Madison county, on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in May, 1859, viz:

Rev. Solomon Buffkin, Stephen Tillman, Elisha Roberts, Rev. O. L. Johnson, Edwin Burnley, H. C. Perkins, D. L. Herring, Rev. M. T. Conn, Rev. E. R. Freeman, Rev. W. F. Green, and Rev. S. G. Mullins.

12th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9½ o'clock. Prayer by ———

SABBATH DEVOTIONS.

The Missionary Sermon was delivered on Sabbath morning, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Seth G. Mullins, according to previous appointment, from 2nd Corinthians, 5th chap., 17th, 18th and 19th verses: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away: Behold all things are become new, &c."

Rev. Edward R. Freeman, concluded the afternoon service with a warm and interesting sermon.

MONDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock, Sep. 27.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. John Jasper Green.

13th. Report of the Committee of Arrangements, who reported as follows: viz:

1st. Call the Roll;
2nd. Appoint Committees;
3rd. Receive Reports;
4th. Take up Unfinished Business;
5th. Read Letters to Corresponding Bodies;
6th. Call for Reports;
7th. Motion and Resolutions.

14th. The roll was then called, and those not present marked thus *

15th. Visiting Committee to Mississippi College and Female Institute.

The Association appointed as follows, viz:

Brethren A. U. Scott, Rev. Wm. F. Green, James Beesley, Jno. Jasper Green, Edwin Burnley, Wm. M. Haley, John Gordon, Wm. H. Trim, Rev. Edward R. Freeman, J. M. Griffin, Rev. Seth G. Mullins, L. H. Tillman, Andrew J. Tillman; and on motion the Moderator and Clerk were added.

16th. Committee on Publications.

The Association appointed as follows, viz:

Rev. W. F. Green, Rev. Seth G. Mullins, Stephen Tillman, Wm. H. Gordon, Wm. M. Haley and Rev. Edward R. Freeman.

17th. Report Board Trustees Central Female Institue.

The Board submitted their Report, through Bro. D. J. Brown, as follows, viz: which on motion was ordered in the Minutes:

"The Board of Trustees of Central Female Institute, in this their fifth annual Report, are gratified in being able to state, that the condition and prospects of the Institute, are of a more permament and encouraging character than ever before. Professor Hillman, Principal of the Institute, has receceived for the ensuing Scholastic Year the entire Faculty of the past year; all of whom by their skill and adroitness in their several departments, have received for themselves, not only the confidence of the Principal; but the entire confidence of the Board of Trustees; and we may safely add, that of the patrons of the school. And after the many merited commendations of the editors, and other writers, who were in attendance, and witnessed the late annual examination, and commencement exercises of the Institute, as published in the Mississippi Baptist, Hinds County Gazette, Southern Sun, Vicksburg Whig, and Brandon Republican; for us to add more, would be altogether gratuitous and unnecessary. Suffice it to say, that the character of the Faculty of the Institute, stands preeminently high, in the estimation of our intelligent and generous public; and with the well established reputation of such a Faculty; no drumming up of scholars is necessary, to fill the prescribed limits of our present Institute Buildings. And had

we double the space, as fondly anticipated by the Board we shall have ere long, in the erecting of a spacious edifice; it too would be speedily filled with pupils. The Board has purchased a very eligible and convenient building site, situate within the outskirts of Clinton; containing eighteen acres, for which we pay twelve hundred dollars; and the Board has adopted a plan of building, and has appointed a Committee, with instructions to advertise for the building of said edifice; to be let out to the lowest responsible bidder.

The present Institute buildings, and other property owned by the Board of Trustees as Institute property; together with the notes due, and running to maturity, held by the Board of Trustees; we estimate as being worth, from sixteen to eighteen thousand dollars, free of debt. With this available amount, and having two energetic, and successful agents in the field, viz: Elder H. Nabring, and Elder J. S. Antly; we feel warranted in letting out the building as soon as we can procure a contractor on reasonable terms; and here we must again urge the importance of the enterprise, as one in which the Baptists of Central and Eastern Mississippi, are especially interested, intellectually, pecuniarily, and above all as the friends of Zion; and we must not be refrained from asserting, that the Baptists generally of the State of Mississippi, are interested in the success of Central Female Institute, situated, as it is, by the side of the Mississippi College, which College is justly and rapidly growing in usefulness, and in the confidence of the denomination throughout the State; and of the public generally. The College Chapel, to be erected the coming year, the use of which is for public occasions will be granted to the Institute, and will enable the Board to economize in the extent of the Institute buildings, not having to provide an Assembly Room; yet at least ten thousand dollars, or upwards, must yet be raised by donations, or otherwise, in addition to the sixteen or eighteen thousand dollars above-mentioned; and as the immediate friends and guardians of the Institute, we invite your continued fostering care, and through you and your agents, the liberal and philanthropic contributions of your church members, and all persons friendly to the enterprise.

For further particulars relative to the interest and progress of Central Female Institute, we respectfully refer you to Brethren D. J. Brown, S. Tillman, and R. H. Brumby; members of our Board, whom we have commissioned to bear you this—our report, and as messengers from us to your fraternal body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT KELLS, *President.*

R. H. Brumby, Secretary.

18th. Report of Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations, reported as follows; which on motion was received and adopted, to wit:

1st. To constitute Missionary Board Brethren, Thos. Tillman, of Damascus; L. H. Tillman, Pine Bluff; Rev. W. F. Green, White Oak; Wm. H. Trim, Brushy Fork; Jas. Beesley, Beth-

any; Edwin Burnley, Antioch; Wm. H. Gordon, New Providence; J. Lee, Piedmont; J. M. Griffin, Bethlehem; Silas H. Coleman, Fellowship; together with the Moderator and Clerk.

2nd. To preach the next Introductory Sermon, Rev. Wm. Green,—his alternate, Rev. Seth G. Mullins.

3rd. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. O. L. Johnson, his alternate, Rev. E. R. Freeman.

JAMES BEESLEY, *Chairman.*

19th. Report of the Book Committee, who made the following Report, viz:

"The undersigned, a minority of your Book Committee, reports as follows: That I have met the Missionary Board at all their meetings during the year, when we were to hold our Committees Meetings; and have failed to meet either member of the Book Committee; consequently there has been nothing done. The funds are in our hands, and will be disposed of as the Association may direct. All of which is respectfully submitted."

S. TILLMAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was on motion, adopted, in reference to the duty and powers of the said Committee, viz:

Resolved, That Bro. Stephen Tillman, take charge of the whole matter; procure such books as he may deem proper, and distribute them accordingly.

20th. On motion,

Resolved, That the name of Bro. Wm. M. Haley, be inserted as a Delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

21st. The Financial Committee, reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account, and found it correct as follows: which on motion was received and adopted.

JAMES BEESLEY, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Warren M. Ellis, Treasurer of Union Baptist Association.

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1858			
Sep. 26,	To am't sent up by Churches,.....	$188 00	
" "	collected on Sabbath,.....	62 50	
Feb. 27, "	received from S. H. Coleman former Treasurer, ...	333 33	
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1857			
Sep. 26,	By am't p'd Rev. S. Buffkin, for Missionary services,.....	$38 00	
Dec. 28, "	Rev. Seth G. Mullins, for Missionary services, ..	200 00	
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Apr'l 13, "	Rev. J. T. Freeman, for 500 copies Minutes,..	46 00	

Sep. 27,	"	Rev. S. G. Mullins, for Missionary services, ..	70 00	
	"	Rev. S. Buffkin, for Missionary services,.....	60 00	
Aug.	"	Rev. S. Thigpen, Treas'r Minis'rial Educa'l F'd,	34 20	
"	"	M. W. Phillips, Treas'r Home Missionary F'd,	14 20	
Sep. 27,	"	due Rev. N. Morris, for Missionary services, ...	30 00	
"	"	" Rev. A. R. Lum, for Missionary services, ...	30 00	
"		Balance in Treasury,.....	80 93	
				$603 33

Amount in Treasury,.....	$80 93
Contributions by Churches,.....	214 95
Collection on Sabbath,.....	63 00
Total on hand,....	$358 88

WARREN M. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

September 27, 1858.

22nd. Report of the Committee on Publications, who reported as follows: which on motion, was received and adopted.

"Your Committee on Publications, heartily recommend to the favorable consideration of the Baptists in our Association, our denominational State organ, the Mississippi Baptist, and would urge the Brethren to renew their efforts, to extend its circulation; believing also, that the Tennessee Baptist, has been, and is still doing a good work among us, we would recommend it as highly deserving our patronage. We also recommend to the consideration of the Brethren, the propriety of securing as soon as possible our Baptist Sabbath School Books, published by the South Western Publishing House; also, the various denominational books, issued from that house, and the Southern Publication Society, at Charleston, S. C. We further approve the plan and objects of the New Orleans Baptist Book and Publishing Society.

23rd. Report of the Executive Board, who reported as follows:

"Your Board would respectfully represent, that immediately after their appointment, they convened at White Oak Church, before the adjournment of our last Association, and tendered an appointment of one quarter, ending on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath on December last, to Bro. Seth G. Mullins, as Missionary, who acccepted the same; and devoted all of his time in the service of the Board, with the exception of some short time which he lost on account of his sickness. Our next meeting was with the Bethany Church, in Claiborne county, on the last of December, when we transacted no business, only to grant an order upon the Treasurer, in favor of our Missionary for the amount due him. We met again with the Pine Bluff Church, on

Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in May last, where we tendered another appointment to Brethren Seth G. Mullins, Solomon Buffkin and William Green, as Missionaries. Brethren Mullins and Buffkin accepted the same, as will appear by their Reports, and forthwith entered into the duties assigned them. Brother Green, we presume, did not accept as Missionary, under the appointment, unless voluntarily; as we have not heard from him in that capacity—he having submitted no Report to us. These last appointments bring us down to the present time of meeting again in an Associational capacity. Brethren Mullins and Buffkin, have been engaged since their appointment, actively in the work allotted to them, until this time; and for the evidences of the fruits of their labors; we would respectfully refer you to their Reports to our Association; all of which we kindly submit.

WM. MULLINS, *Chairman.*

WARREN M. ELLIS, Secretary Board.

REPORT OF BRO. S. BUFFKIN, AS MISSIONARY.

"As your Missionary, I entered upon the duties assigned me, soon after my appointment. I made a regular monthly appointment of preaching at the School House, near Bro. Ellis', in Copiah county; where I have attended regularly. My congregations at this place have been large, and attentive; and I hope good has been done. I have also had a monthly appointment at Brown's Wells, where also my congregation has been large and very attentive. At this place there has been quite an interest manifested upon the subject of religion. Several persons in the neighborhood, I think, will soon unite with the Church; and in this neighborhood I think there ought to be a Church organized, as they are anxious for the same. I have visited Castle Hill twice. My congregations at this place, have generally been small, but I think they would increase if they had regular preaching. I have spent in the service of the Board nineteen days, traveled three hundred miles, preached twelve sermons, delivered five exhortations; and had many religious conversations with the people.

Beloved Brethren, as my commission expires, allow me to return to you, my thanks for the confidence reposed in me; and ask you to pray the blessings of God to rest upon my feeble labors.

S. BUFFKIN.

REPORT OF BRO. S. G. MULLINS, AS MISSIONARY.

"As your Missionary, I beg leave to state, that I have preached seventeen sermons; conducted one funeral service, and rode 475 miles during the quarter ending Dec. 26, A. D., 1857.

In reference to the cause at the various places I have preached, there is but one voice; all want Baptist preaching. There are

two places where I have had regular monthly appointments, to which I would call your attention particularly. I refer to Gallatin, in Copiah county, and Fayette, in Jefferson county. The latter is some ten or twelve miles from any place of regular Baptist worship; and I think an efficient minister might soon organize a Church there, that would be quite an accession to our Association. And though Gallatin, is too near Damascus Church, to organize another; yet there are many in its vicinity, who cannot conveniently hear Baptist preaching, even five or six miles from them.

I would therefore recommend it to your notice. Brethren, persevere in the good work, assured, that our cause needs but to be understood, to commend itself to the favor of all who love pure Bible truth. May the blessings of God attend all your labors of love."

SETH G. MULLINS.

24th. On motion,

Resolved, That whereas we believe that a Union Meeting, composed of the ministers of the Association, together with Delegates, appointed by the various Churches, would result in great good to the cause of Christ, and the general dissemination of religious knowledge; therefore we request the several Churches, composing our Body, to appoint the same number of Delegates, to which they are entitled in this Association, to meet at the time and place of the next meeting of the Missionary Board, for the purpose of organizing such meeting.

25th. On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to visit the Baptist Southern Sunday School Convention, to convene at Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November next; whereupon the following named Brethren were appointed, to wit: Rev. W. F. Green, Rev. S. G. Mullins, and Stephen Tillman; and in case of their failure, each may select another in his place.

26th. On motion,

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Brethren, sisters and friends in this vicinity, for their kindness in entertaining us during our session.

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Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be tendered to the Bro. Clerk, as a compensation for his labor and expenses.

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Resolved, That our next annual meeting, will be held with the Brushy Fork Church, Copiah county, on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in September next.

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Resolved, That the Bro. Clerk be instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of our Minutes, printed and distributed, and defray the expense of the same out of the Treasury. That he have printed our Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

30th. The Minutes were then read, and approved; after which the Association closed by singing and prayer—to meet again as above stated.

WILLIAM MULLINS, Moderator.

WARREN M. ELLIS, Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Union Baptist Association, sendeth Christian salutation to all Bodies with whom she corresponds, greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN: Through the mercies and protection of our Heavenly Father, we have again been blessed with the happy privilege of assembling ourselves together, in an Associational capacity, and have witnessed our thirty-eighth anniversary. In viewing the history of our Churches, during the past Associational Year, we have much for which we should feel thankful to the great giver of all good, and which should demand and awaken our gratitude, prayers, and thanksgivings; remembering always —as we should, that every good and perfect gift cometh from God. The Reports from nearly all our Churches, are gratifying and encouraging, showing a continued increase over the former year; and perhaps we have passed through no Associational Year, in which our Churches have been blessed with more brotherly union, concord and love, than the one which has just ceased. Peace and harmony seem to reign triumphantly; most of them seem to be zealously engaged in performing some good work, for the advancement of the kingdom of our Saviour upon earth, in the establishing of regular church prayer meetings, in addition to their regular days of preaching, &c., a subject doubtless of more importance to our Churches, than any other. With reference to the Missionary cause amongst us, we cannot say that the labors of our Missionaries, have been crowned with as much success, as in some previous years; perhaps, for the reason, that we have not been able to sustain our Missionaries regularly in the field of labor; yet we cannot say but that their labors have been attended with success, to some extent, as will be seen by their Reports. We feel thankful to you for your Messengers, letters, and copies of Minutes. We earnestly desire a continuation of your correspondence, and hope we may meet your Messengers again at our next annual meeting, with the Brushy Fork Church, in Copiah county, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September next. Brethren: may the Great Head of the Church, "bless us all with needful blessings, enable us to live to His honor and glory; that henceforth we may receive a crown of life, is our sincere prayer.

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CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES AND COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	White Males.	White Females.	Blacks.	Total.	No. Minutes.	Sabbath of Meeting.	Contributions.
Antioch	Pine Ridge, Copiah	Edwin Burnley, Solomon Buffkin		6		6		2	38	36	60	124	40	4th	$10 00
Bethlehem	Hamburg, Franklin	H. C. Perkins, David L. Herring	11		1				7	16	60	83	30		†15 50
Brushy Fork	Linden, Copiah	Erastus Wheeler, W. H. Trim		1		2			24	36	16	74	30	1st S.	10 00
Bethany	Linden, do	James Busley, Wm. V. Gusdavus	6	3		1	3	3	21	28	8	57	30		5 60
Bethesda	Union Church, Jefferson	Uriah Umphries,* John R. Nevels*				4	1						20		3 00
Clear Creek	Washington, Adams	Edward R. Freeman, E. J. Kent*							4	8	144	156	12	2d&4th	3 00
Damascus	Gallatin, Copiah	Wm. Haley, A. J. Tillman, O. L. Johnson*	40	16			1	1	81	99	17	197	100		24 00
Ebenezer	Fayette, Jefferson	No Representation													
Fellowship	Rodney, Fayette	Wm. Green,* S. H. Coleman,* W. T. McDonald*	8	6		1		2	23	50	105	178	50	1st&3d	20 05
Magnolia	Port Gibson, Claiborne	No Delegation				3			10	15	21	46	10		5 00
New Providence	Pine Ridge, Copiah	Wm. Mullins, John Gordon	3	5		4	4		27	28	6	61	35	3rd S	9 00
New Zion	Pine Bluff, do.	M. T. Conn, Nathan Morris*	4	4		2			16	29	1	46	40	3rd S	18 10
Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, do.	Warren M. Ellis, W. H. Carter*		3	1	9	3	1	44	82	19	145	50	1st S	20 00
Piedmont	Union Church, Jefferson	John Lee,* William Holloway	5	8	3	2		1	20	23	4	48	40	2nd S	16 25
White Oak	Copiah, C.P.O. Utica Hinds	J. J. Green, Joel Fulgham, Elba Roberts, W. F. Green	41	11	5	3	6		51	66	98	215	60	2nd S	50 00‡
Pleasant Hill	Caseyville, Copiah	J. D. Parrish, B. F. Hedrick	4	4		6	4		7	24		31	35		5 50

* Absent. † $10 50, Missionary Fund. ‡ To be equally divided between Domestic Missions and Domestic Education.

☞ SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—Bethlehem Church sends $10 50, for Missionary Fund; White Oak Church, sends $50 00; to be equally divided between Domestic Missions and Ministerial Education.

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Adopted at the First Session, Sept. 18th, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a Profession of Our Faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of Churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of union amongst Churches of the same faith and order. We, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association, upon the following principles, viz:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude—in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy an effectual calling; and, being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus: who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy, and without blame before Him in love.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidence of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the Dead, and a General Judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of *immersed* believers, who have given themselves to the Lord,

and to one another, by the will of God; and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church—the only Law Giver—that the government is with the Church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. That the Immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural Baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism, and as members of the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her Communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union, shall compose the association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship; those baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed; excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated "THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association; manifested by the Moderator's giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in this union shall have a right to more than two delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every Query sent to the Association, by any church in the union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and, if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated: *Provided, always*, That those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once; who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother; in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the Conference without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair be previously filled; but have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as ofen as the Association deems expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which, we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as it may deem proper, and send them by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the moneys by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if necessary,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

THE POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give the churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them, if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with Prayer.

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THIRTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

BEGUN AND HELD WITH THE

BRUSHY FORK CHURCH COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.,

ON THE

24th, 25th, 26th and 27th days of September, A. D. 1859.

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Brushy Fork Church, Copiah Co., Miss., on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th days of September, A. D. 1859.

BRUSHY FORK CHURCH, Copiah Co.,
September 24th, A. D. 1859.

The delegates composing the Union Baptist Association, met this day with said Church, to commemorate their 39th anniversary.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the delegates, in conjunction with a large audience, met at the stand, and listened to an able and interesting Introductory Sermon, preached by Elder S. G. Mullins, from Mat. 22: 29, "Jesus answered and said unto them, ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God."

After a short recess, the delegates assembled in the church and the Association was called to order by the Bro. Moderator, (Elder Wm. Mullins,) and opened with prayer by Elder W. W. Bolls.

Letters were then called for, and the delegates came forward and presented letters from the various churches, their names were enrolled, and the following statistical table made therefrom. (See Appendix A.) Brethren Elder E. R. Freeman and D. J. Brown, having been appointed to read the same.

1st. The Association then went into election for officers for the ensuing year. Brethren D. J. Brown and Elder W. F. Green, acting as tellers, who announced the re-election of Elder William Mullins, Moderator, and Warren M. Ellis, Clerk and Treasurer.

2d. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with this body.

3d. The following named committee was appointed to arrange preaching during the session, viz: Brethren D. J. Brown, W. H. Carter, and A. U. Scott.

4th. On motion, Elder E. C. Eager was requested to address the meeting on to-morrow, at 3 o'clock P. M., upon the subject of "Bible Revision."

5th. The committee on preaching reported as follows, viz:

The Missionary Sermon on Sabbath morning, at 10½ o'clock,

by Elder O. L. Johnson; to be followed by Elder E. R. Freeman. Lecture on the subject of the English Scriptures, by Eld. E. C. Eager, at 3 o'clock P. M.

6th. On motion, Elder E. C. Eager was received as Agent for the Bible Revision Association, of Louisville, Ky.

7th. On motion, the subject of Correspondence was taken up with sister Associations, when the following named brethren were received as Messengers, to-wit: Bro. Roton, from Mississippi Association; Elder W. W. Bolls and Bro. D. J. Brown, from Central Association with a corresponding letter and minutes.

8th. Received, a letter and package from Nashville, Tenn., upon the subject of Southern Baptist Sunday School Union; and on motion, the Association appointed the following named select committee to report upon the same, on to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, viz: Elders W. F. Green, O. L. Johnson and S. G. Mullins.

9th. On motion, Elders H. Nabring and E. C. Eager, were received as corresponding members from the Baptist State Convention.

10th. On motion, the following named committee was appointed on Arrangement, viz: Elders O. L. Johnson, W. W. Bolls and Bro. Silas H. Coleman.

11th. On nominations appointed, Brethren Volley Davis, Levi Elmore, J. M. Griffing, A. J. Tillman, and Elder Andrew R. Lum.

12th. On motion, appointed on Finance, Brethren Elisha N. Sumral, D. J. Brown, and Reuben Lee.

13th. On motion, Elder A. Murray was received as corresponding Messenger from the Strong River Association.

14th. On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning, at 8½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder William F. Green.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M., by Elder O. L. Johnson, from Mark 16: 20—"And they went forth and preached every where; the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

After which, an opportunity was offered to the congregation to contribute funds for the support of the gospel within the destitution of the Association, and the sum of $60,75 was contributed.

The Missionary Sermon was then immediately followed by an interesting and zealous discourse by Elder E. R. Freeman, from John 15: 5—"I am the vine, ye are the branches."

The evening exercises were closed with an able and entertaining lecture by Elder E. C. Eager, upon the subject of the Revision of the English Scriptures.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. ——.

15th. The Committee on Preaching reported Elder A. Murray to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M., and Bro. J. Jasper Green in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

16th. The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows: 1st. Call the roll. 2d. Appoint committees. 3d. Receive reports. 4th. Take up unfinished business. 5th. Read letters to corresponding bodies. 6th. Call for reports. 7th. Motions and resolutions.

17th. The roll was then called, and those absent marked thus, *.

18th. A committee of three, consisting of Elders W. W. Bolls, S. G. Mullins, and Edward R. Freeman, was appointed to examine the propriety of the Association's becoming auxiliary to the "Mississippi Bible and Colportage Society," and requested to report on the same.

19th. The Committee on the subject of Southern Baptist Sunday School Union made the following report, and on motion adopted:

"Your Committee, appointed to report on the letter received from A. C. Dayton, Corresponding Secretary of the "S. B. Sunday School Union," respectfully submit the following report:

"We heartily endorse the said Union, and cordially recommend to Southern Sunday schools in our bounds, to patronize the "Child's Friend." Also, the Sabbath School Books published by said Union. And we further recommend, that those churches who have no Sunday schools, to organize them as soon as possible, and procure the books of the Union. We rejoice that the time has arrived in the history of our denomination when there is a general awakening of interest upon the subject of Baptist Sunday School Literature in our country, and that we have an organization which will furnish a literature for our schools free from the spirit of compromise so manifest in the books heretofore published by the A. S. S. Union.

WM. F. GREEN, Chair'n.

20th. On motion, it was

Resolved, That our delegates who were appointed to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention at the last Association, be requested to submit their report in writing to this Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

21st. The Committee on the same made the following report, and their report was adopted:

Your Committee on nominations submit the following report: That Elder Edward R. Freeman preach the next Introductory Sermon; Elder W. W. Bolls his alternate. That Elder W. B.

Gallman preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder Seth G. Mullins his alternate. Also, that the following named Brethren serve as our Executive Board for the ensuing year, to-wit: Elder O. L. Johnson, Damascus Church; C. B. Calvit, Bethlehem; Elder S. Buff kin, Antioch; Wm. Bolls, Fellowship; John Elmore, Magnolia; D. J. Brown, Brushy Fork; W. T. Davis, New Providence; J. D. Parrish, Pleasant Hill; Joel N. Fulgham, White Oak; Reuben Lee, Piedmont, together with the Brothers Moderator and Clerk.

VOLLEY DAVIS, Chair'n.

22d. On motion,

Resolved, That our Missionary Board be authorized to defray the expenses of our delegates last year to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention out of the Associational fund.

23d, On motion,

Resolved, That our Visiting Committee to Mississippi College and Central Female Institute, be requested to submit their report in writing to this Association.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL FEMALE INSTITUTE.

24th. The Board of Trustees of the Central Female Institute submitted their annual report through Bro. D. J. Brown and others, which, on motion, was ordered to appear in the minutes, as follows;

"It is again the pleasing privilege of the Board, in this, their 6th annual report, to state, that the uninterupted prosperity which has constantly characterized the success and onward progress of the Institute, under Prof. Hillman, is truly gratifying to the Board and patrons of the school. It is now three years since the Trustees placed at the head of the Institute the present principal; during which time, its progress has been onward and upward, without the slightest interruption. Under the organization and management of Prof. Hillman, its friends and patrons have nothing to fear, so far as it respects its thorough and elevated educational advantages, and to the extent of our buildings. We feel warranted in saying, that the advantages of the school are not surpassed by any similar Institution in any of the States. In our last annual report we stated that the Board had adopted a plan of building, and had appointed a committee with instructions to contract for the building of a spacious edifice; the building of which is now under contract, and in a state of progress. The foundation of the building is already being laid, and a large portion of the brick is made and ready for use. And here, allow us to state, for the benefit of the fastidious and impatient observer, who may accuse us of tardiness in our operations, that we are working for posterity, and claim to have been faithful in the discharge of the trust confided to us. The foundation of a structure is being laid by us which, when completed, will do honor to the Baptist denomination in Mississippi, and all con-

tributors to the erection of this magnificent edifice, will feel, when it is completed, proud to think, that they have been co-workers together in the completion of a work promising so many Christian and educational advantages, to stand out to posterity as a monument of their philanthropy and Christian liberality. The want of such a structure is more and more apparent, as may be seen by an examination of the last and preceding catalogues of a school, as issued by the principal; showing a constantly growing demand for a more spacious building, in order to meet the many applicants made; many of whom have been turned off for the want of room, while the demand for admittance into the Institute is daily increasing. In view of the above facts, notwithstanding the limited available means of the Board, yet, relying on the ability and willingness of the denomination, and other friends of the Institute, to meet the demand, the Board has ventured to let out the contract for a given amount, which will tax the energies and liberality of the Board, and of the denomination throughout that large and extensive portion of Mississippi immediately interested in this important and laudable enterprise. In addition to the energetic collecting agents of the Board, Bros. Naboring and Antly, the Board has passed a resolution, making each member of the Board of Trustees an agent to procure subscriptions for the completion of the building, and we confidently trust, that through said agencies, together with the already available means of the Board, the Board may be enabled to meet promptly their several installments, as they may become due for said building.

The school has been limited, as before stated, for want of room, to one hundred and five students, which number, by the quarterly report of the Principal, as made to the Board, are shown to have been constantly filled; and we feel warranted in the belief, that the applicants, even in the past year, had the building now under contract, have been completed. And to complete this building, twenty thousand dollars at least is yet to be raised—an amount, to some, will seem large, but it is a trivial amount when compared with the importance of the enterprise, and the ability of the Baptists and others interested. Peace and plenty abound. Cotton is bearing a fine price, and about this time the Baptist purses are being filled, and their generous hearts will loosen their purse-strings, and they will feel that it is a privilege to meet the educational wants of the daughters of Mississippi. Come up to the work, then, brethren, educate your daughters, and they will educate ministers for the rising generation, and supply your Sabbath schools with competent and God fearing teachers. Having submitted the above statements for your consideration and approval, we again appeal to you, and through you to the members of your churches, and the friends of the Institute generally, for their liberal and timely contributions. For further particulars relative to the interests

and progress of the Institute, we refer you to Brethren S. Tillman, D. J. Brown, M. W. Philips, and Eld. Wm. Mullins, members of the Board of Trustees, whom we have appointed to represent us in your fraternal body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. KELLS, President.

R. H. Brumby, Secretary.

After the report of the Board was read before the Association, Elder H. Nabring and others, appealed to the denomination and friends of the Institute, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, in order to raise a sufficiency of funds to complete the edifice connected with the Institute, when the Association and others contributed near fifteen hundred dollars by subscription in behalf of the said edifice.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO CENTRAL FEMALE INSTITUTE.

25th. The Committee reported as follows:

"Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of visiting the Central Female Institute, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and are able to say from a personal attention upon the examination of the classes of said Institution, that they believe the course of instruction to be as thorough as any institution of the kind either North or South, and that they, your committee, were delighted with the rigid course pursued in the examination—that all exhibited the skill and ability of the faculty and teachers, and bespoke much for the future prosperity of the Institution. Your Committee are clearly of opinion that with the aid and fostering care of the denomination, that at no very distant day, the Institute will be second to none; and that it is needing and well deserving the aid and patronage of our denomination. Your Committee would, therefore, take great pleasure in recommending all of our brethren to patronize said school, by contributing their funds to aid in erecting suitable builings for said school, and by sending their daughters there to receive a finished education. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. GREEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE, BOOK AND COLPORTAGE SOCIETY.

26th. The Committee on the Mississippi Baptist Bible and Colportage Society made their report as follows:

That this Association heartily approve of the formation of said society, and recommend the brethren of our body to co-operate with and sustain it by contributing for the objects contemplated by it, viz: The establishment of a general Bible and Book Depository, at some central point, where the denomination throughout the State may procure Baptist books, and the send-

ing out of Colporteurs to sell and distribute, gratuitously, said books. We regard this as a noble enterprise, and feel confident it will recommend itself to every lover of pure Bible truths, as worthy of his prayers and exertions to forward and sustain it.

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, AT MEMPHIS.

27th. The Delegates to the said Convention, reported as follows:

"Your committee appointed at your last session to meet the Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention, at Memphis, Tenn., beg leave to report, that we performed that service, and were much gratified to meet a large delegation of over four hundred delegates from nearly all the Southern States, with their hearts enlisted in the cause of a pure Sabbath School Literature, in which all the truths of God's word may be taught their children, who at once proceeded to organize, and raised near four thousand dollars, and appointed a Publication Board for the purpose of issuing Sunday Schools Books; and we are pleased to learn from recent accounts, that they are sending out about one volume per week. The body will hold its first regular meeting in Canton, Miss., on Friday, before the 4th Sabbath in November next. Your Committee would respectfully suggest, that our Association and churches meet them for mutual consultation and co-operation.

S. TILLMAN, }
S. G. MULLINS, } Delegates.

REPORT OF BOOK COMMITTEE.

28th. The Book Committee reported as follows:

"Your Book Committee, appointed at your last session, would respectfully report: That shortly after our appointment, we laid out the greater portion of the money then on hand for strictly denominational books. In the latter part of last winter, we added others and made a deposit of them with Elder O. L. Johnson, of Hazlehurst, where they have been offered for sale all the time. In the month of July I carried about one-third of them into another part of our Association, and left them with another brother, who had received orders for books; and owing to the want of a correct statement from that brother as to the amount sold, we have to make this in a different report, as to amount of money and books on hand; but allow us to say, we are much pleased to learn we are directed to settle with the Committee of your body, and turn over the books and money to them, who are directed to transfer the same to the Bible and Colportage Society of the State. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. TILLMAN.

On motion, the following named committee was appointed to settle with the Book Committee, and transfer the funds in the hands of the Book Committee into the Mississippi Baptist Bible and Colportage Society, and take Life Directorship in said Society, in behalf of this Association. The said committee to consist of Elder W. W. Bolls, Warren M. Ellis, and Elder O. L. Johnson.

29th. On motion the rule was suspended, and the following resolution adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the 6th Article of the Rules of Decorum of this Association be amended by striking out the word two and inserting in lieu thereof the word three, so as that each [illegible] of this Association shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional [illegible] members over one hundred; and that the same be engrafted in our Rules of Decorum.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Met to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. C. Eager.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

30th. The Executive Board submitted their report to the Association as follows:

BELOVED BRETHREN: Thus it becomes our duty, as your Executive Board, during the past Associational year, to render unto you an account of our stewardship. We held our first Board meeting with the Bethany church, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in October, A. D. 1858, shortly after our last Association. At which time we voluntarily tendered an appointment to Elder W. W. Bolls, as our Missionary for the whole Associational year; proposing to give him for said service the sum of six hundred dollars ($600,) for his whole time, and to become responsible for the balance of payment, or money not in the Treasury; ourselves believing that we could raise it in our Union meetings, &c., before the close of the Associational year. But this proposition was not accepted on the part of Bro. Bolls, and in consequence of which, we made no other effort until our next regular meeting with the White Oak church, in January, the present year; here the Board met again, but without a quorum. Our next meeting was with the New Providence church, in May last, when only a portion of the Board met, and we again did not transact any business. Our next meeting was with the Piedmont church, in Jefferson county, in July, at which we had a quorum to transact business.

We passed resolutions allowing Elder W. W. Bolls the sum of $2,50 per day for the time he had been engaged in missionary service near Patona, in Claiborne county, until that time, and requested him to continue his like services as such, at the said place, at the same rate, and present his account to our meeting with the Association, which we presume he has done.

We also passed a resolution allowing any ordained minister within our Associational bounds, who might engage in mission-

ary service the sum of two dollars per day, and requested them to present their accounts to our present Board meeting,

Elder A. R. Lum has also been acting as missionary under this last resolution, a portion of his time, and Elder W. W. Bolls we believe has continued his missionary services as requested; and for your more particular information with reference to the labor performed, the good accomplished, and prospects before us, we would respectfully refer you to the reports of our missionaries. All of which we respectfully submit,

WM. MULLINS, Moderator.

WARREN M. ELLIS, Sec'y Board.

REPORT OF ELD. W. W. BOLLS AS MISSIONARY.

31st. As your missionary, I beg leave to submit the following as my report:

I have preached regularly once a month at Patona, Claiborne county, Miss., except twice, when it was impossible for me to be there—even then my place was supplied, so that there has not been a single disappointment. The congregations, though small, are very attentive and seem to be very much interested. The prospects for a Baptist church at some future day (and not very far distant,) is flattering, but we do not advise a constitution now. At our last meeting, we protracted four days, during which time we had a revious time, many were made to feel that they were sinners, and asked us to pray for them. Christians seemed to have the spirit of prayer. So that we can say that the time was profitably spent. I have travelled about one hundred and fifty miles, preached fourteen sermons—the days engaged, forty-nine. I have had a [illegible] of religious conversation with the people. There has been a Sabbath school organized on the Union plan, and our Pedo-baptist brethren are engaged in the school with the Baptists.

W. W. BOLLS.

Bro. Lum reports as missionary, that he had spent at the 16th Section School House, [illegible] and at the McClure School House, 8 days, and traveled 80 miles. No report of revivals or accessions to the church.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

32d. The Committee on Finance made their report as follows, and the same was adopted, viz:

"That they have examined the Treasurer's report, from which it appears at the commencement of this Association, there was in his hands the sum of.....$234 83
To which may be added the amount sent up by the churches,..... 191 30
Collected on the Sabbath,..... 60 75
Out of these amounts, [illegible] dollars were sent up by Mrs. C. Gaitney.
Leaving a balance now on hand.....$486 88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. BROWN, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

WARREN M. ELLIS,

In account with Union Baptist Association.

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1858 September 27.	To amount on hand,		$358 88
1859 February	To amount received from Union Meeting at White Oak church,		14 75
June 4.	To amount received from Union meeting at New Providence church,		26 30
1858 October	To amount received from Union meeting at Bethany church,		25 40
1859 July	To amount received from Union meeting at Piedmont church,		30 00
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1859 January	By amount paid Mississippi Baptist office for minutes,	46 00	
August.	By amount paid Elder W. W. Bolls this day, for Missionary services,	45 00	
Sept. 27.	By amount paid Elder W. W. Bolls this day for missionary services,	77 50	
Sept. 27.	By amount paid Elder A. R. Lum, this day, for missionary services,	32 00	
Sept. 27.	By amount allowed Clerk for labor and expenses,	20 00	
			$220 50
	Cash to balance,		234 83
			$455 33

Amount in Treasury,	$234 83
Contribution by the churches to this Association,	191 30
Amount collected on the Sabbath,	60 75
Total on hand this Sept. 27th, A. D. 1859,	$486 88

WARREN M. ELLIS, Treasurer,

34th. By the request of Bro. Joel Selman, a committee of the following named brethren was appointed to investigate the condition of Ebenezer Church, and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Board, viz: Elders W. W. Bolls, O. L. Johnson and A. R. Lum.

35th. On motion,

Resolved, That all reports to this body shall be made in writing, and that this resolution shall be incorporated in our by-laws as a standing rule.

CORRESPONDENCE.

36th. On motion, Elder S. G. Mullins was appointed to write a copy of our Letters of Correspondence to the following named bodies, with whom we correspond, to-wit: To Central Association, Mississippi Association, Strong River Association, Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Sunday School Convention, at Canton, Miss., Pearl River Association, and Association in Louisiana. And the following named Messengers were appointed to visit the same, viz: To Central Association, J. Jasper Green, Elder W. B. Gallman, W. M. Ellis, Joel N. Fulgham, Elder W. W. Bolls; to Mississippi Association, Elder S. G.

Mullins, Elder Edward R. Freeman, J. M. Griffing, Thomas McCowen and Reuben Lee. To Strong River Association, Elds. S. Buffkin, A. R. Lum, N. Morris, O. L. Johnson, and Bro. A. J. Tillman. To Pearl River Association, Elders O. L. Johnson, Solomon Buffkin, Bros. V. Davis, and Joseph Lewis. To Bayou Macon Association, in Louisiana, Elders W. F. Green, Nathan Morris, Bros. S. L. Chambliss and S. Tillman. To Baptist State Convention, Elders W. F. Green, E. R. Freeman, S. G. Mullins, Bros. D. J. Brown, Stephen Tillman, Elders O. L. Johnson, William Mullins, W. H. Taylor, W. B. Gallman, Bros. J. M. Griffing, Joel Sellman, D. L. Herring, L. H. Tillman, Warren M. Ellis, H. Burnley, E. N. Sumrall, R. Lee, and A. C. Snider. To Sabbath School Union, Elders W. F. Green, W. W. Bolls, Wm. Mullins, Edward R. Freeman, Solomon Buffkin, Seth G. Mullins, W. H. Taylor, N. Morris, J. Jasper Green, Bros. D. J. Brown, Joel Sellman, W. M. Ellis and E. N. Sumrall.

37th. The Committee on Corresponding Letter reported the same, which, on motion, was adopted.

VISITING COMMITTEE TO MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The following named Committee was appointed to visit the same, viz: Elders W. W. Bolls, O. L. Johnson, W. F. Green, S. G. Mullins, Warren M. Ellis, and D. J. Brown.

RESOLUTIONS.

39th. On motion, the following resolution, in reference to the Revision Cause, was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the objects of the A. B. Union, and of the Bible Revision Association, especially that of revising and correcting the English Scriptures, which we regard as the great enterprise of the 19th century. That we are glad to be favored with the presence of the Agent of the "Bible Revision Association," Elder E. C. Eager, whom we warmly commend to the kind regards and liberalities of our churches and the community in general.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

40th, On motion,

Resolved, That we tender to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, our cordial thanks for the kind and generous liberalities with which they have entertained this body.

41st. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby tendered to our venerable Moderator, Elder Wm. Mullins, and our Clerk, W. M. Ellis, for the able, faithful, and impartial manner in which they have discharged their duties during the present session.

42d. On motion,

Resolved, That we invite Elder J. R. Graves to be with us at our next annual meeting: in relation to which Elder O. L. Johnson, Bros. D. J. Brown, and S. Tillman, were appointed as a committee of invitation on the part of the Association to invite Elder J. R. Graves accordingly.

43d. On motion,

Resolved, That we allow our Bro. Clerk the sum of $20, as a compensation for his labors and expenses.

44th. On motion,

Resolved, That we hold our next annual meeting with the Fellowship Church, Jefferson county, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September next.

45th. On motion, the minutes were read, corrected and adopted, and the Association adjourned to time and place before mentioned. Prayer by Elder S. G. Mullins.

WILLIAM MULLINS, Moderator.

WARREN M. ELLIS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	White Males	White Females	Blacks	Total	No. of Minutes	Sabbath of Meeting	Contributions
Antioch,	Pine Ridge,	Copiah,	S. Buffkin, W. H. Conn.*	7	5	6	1	2	3	6	2	6	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 00
Bethlehem,	Hamburg,	Franklin,	John Pritchard, J. M. Griffing,	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brushy Fork,	Linden,	Copiah,	A. U. Scott, D. J. Brown,	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	2	2	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12 50
Bethany,	Linden,	Copiah,	J. H. Allhead, Seborn Newman,	2	1	[illegible]	1	3	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethesda,	Union Church,	Jefferson,	D. Lum,* Wm. Garrett,	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C. Creek,	Washington,	Adams,	Wm. Whielding,* E. K. Freeman	13	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Damascus,	Hazlehurst,	Copiah,	W. B. Gahman,* O. L. Johnson, A. J. Fillman, D. Griffing,*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ebenezer,	Fayette,	Jefferson,	No Delegation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fellowship,	Rodney,	Jefferson,	S. H. Coleman, W. H. Taylor, Israel Coleman,	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Magnolia,	Port Gibson,	Claiborne,	Levi Elmore, Geo. Killian,*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Providence,	Pine Ridge,	Copiah,	Wm. Mullins, V. Davis,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Zion,	Pine Bluff,	Copiah,	N. Morris, E. N. Samuel,	7	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pine Bluff,	Pine Bluff,	Copiah,	W. W. Bolls, W. M. Ellis, W. H. Carter,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	3	3	36	87	22	152	50	1st	13 00
Piedmont,	Union Church,	Jefferson,	R. Lee, S. G. Mullins,	4	3	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	28	5	55	40	2&4	13 25
White Oak,	Utica,	Hinds,	W. F. Green, B. F. Jacobs, J. Jasper Green, J. N. Fulgham,	17	11	1	12	[illegible]	2	47	76	110	233	60	2&4	12 00
Pleasant Hill,	Caseyville,	Copiah,	A. R. Lum, J. D. Parrish,	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	23	[illegible]	30	25	2d	5 00

ABSTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Antioch says—"We are still enjoying the visitation of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The great work of the Lord is still going on. We have regular preaching twice a month—2d and 4th Sabbath—by Bro. S. Buffkin, whose labors seem to be blessed—have regular prayer meetings once a week, besides a regular Sunday school."

Bethany says—"We cannot say as we have hitherto said, that peace and prosperity are ours. Dear brethren, when it goes well with you, remember us at a throne of Grace, that God by His Spirit may visit us, and disperse the clouds of darkness that hover over us."

Bethlehem says—"We have had regular preaching during the past Associational year, three days in each month. Elder E. R. Freeman is our pastor. We have reason to rejoice, and are under renewed obligations to our Heavenly Father for the glorious manifestation of His Holy Spirit, as a church, for reviving our spirits and adding twenty-one by baptism."

Brushy Fork says—"We have but little to communicate. We are supplied by the preached word once a month by our beloved brother, Elder William B. Gallman. We commenced a protracted meeting the 1st of August, which lasted 8 days. Two were added to the church by baptism, and the church much revived."

Clear Creek says—"We cannot report any special revivals. We have received by baptism fifteen."

Damascus says—"We have good news to transmit to you. God is indeed gracious to us. We are revived by his Spirit, and sinners in our midst are being brought to a saving knowledge of the plan of redemption through the merits of a crucified Redeemer. We have received by baptism thirty-six. We have preaching twice in each month, by our esteemed Bro. W. B. Gallman.

Ebenezer—No letter.

Fellowship says—"We have to lament that we have been in a cold and disordered state. Our beloved Brother, William Green, left us at the close of last year, and for a time it appeared that the Lord forsook us, and we were left as scattered sheep. Bro. W. H. Taylor visited us in June, and consented to take the pastoral care of the church: since that time a love for the sanctuary has been manifested. We need the Grace of God. We need an outpouring of his Holy Spirit. Brethren pray for us.

Magnolia says—"We have nothing of special note to communicate, but brethren, we have a special request to make. Our church, instead of constant accession, there has been a decrease in number. We are in a lake-warm condition. We ask your prayers—pray that our blessed Jesus may look upon us again in peace. We have been unable to procure a pastor, in consequence of which we have had no regular preaching. We have had preaching a few times by visiting brethren. We have endeavored to hold regular prayer meetings twice a month."

New Providence—Letter mislaid.

New Zion says—"We have nothing of great importance to communicate to you. We are at peace among ourselves—we had quite an interesting meeting in July, though but few accessions. Bro. Wm. B. Gallman is our esteemed pastor. Dear brethren pray for us."

Pine Bluff says—"We are supplied with the preached word on one Sabbath and Saturday before in each month by our beloved pastor, Elder W. W. Bolls. We have a monthly and weekly prayer meeting, in which we have some pleasant seasons; also a regular Sabbath School on each Sabbath, with an increasing interest. While we thus rejoice, we have to mourn the loss of three beloved sisters."

Piedmont says—"We feel thankful that our church has in a good degree been visited with a Divine blessing from on high. We had an interesting protracted meeting in the last of July—it lasted 11 days, in which we were permitted to take into our fellowship eight precious souls. We have preaching on the 2d Sabbath and Saturday before in each month, also on the 4th. Dear brethren pray for us."

White Oak says—"We held a protracted meeting which lasted thirteen days, at which time the Lord was pleased to meet with us. We have several additions to our number during the past year. We have regular preaching twice a month by our beloved pastor, W. W. Bolls. We have also an interesting Sunday school, and weekly prayer meeting in our neighborhood. We have been called upon to mourn the death of two esteemed sisters, but we feel that our loss is their eternal gain. Brethren, pray for us."

Pleasant Hill says—"We are are blessed with preaching once a month by our beloved brother, A. R. Lum, and are at peace one with another, though we are in a cold state. Brethren, we ask your prayers."

ARTICLES OF FAITH
OF THE
UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
Adopted the First Session, September the 18th, 1820.

PREAMRLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of union amongst churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in One Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the same in essence—equal in power and glory.

2d. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude—in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love: that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

5th. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of Love.

7th. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead, and a general Judgement; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church,—the only law giver, and that the government is with the church.

3d. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until His second coming.

4th. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5th. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6th. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism, and as members of the visible church.

7th. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church, to expel from her communion, all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches, in our union, shall compose the Association.

2d. The delegates so chosen, shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship; those baptized;

received by letter; restored; dismissed; excommunicated and dead; since the last Association.

3d. The delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator's giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th. No church in this union shall have a right to more than *three* delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7th. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; *provided always*, that those be first considered, which affect the Union of the churches.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9th. Only one person shall speak at once; who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12th. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13th. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14th. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16th. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union, to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17th. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

THE POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1st. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general Union of the churches

2d. To keep up a friendly correspondence, (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3d. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them, if possible.

5th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6th. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union, which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7th. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8th. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9th. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

S. Buffkins

Minutes

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,

JEFFERSON CO., MISS.

On the 21st, 22d, and 24th days of September, 1860.

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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. E. R. Freeman, from Heb. 4:9.

Took a recess of one hour.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Wm. Mullins.

Prayer by Bro. S. Buffkin.

The Clerk being absent, Bro. W. B. Gallman was requested to act as Clerk, *pro tem.*

Brethren D. J. Brown and W. F. Green were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

Proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, (Bro. Mullins requesting the brethren not to vote for him.) which resulted as follows:

D. J. BROWN, of Linden, Moderator.

W. B. GALLMAN, of Crystal Springs, Clerk and Treas.

The Moderator on taking the chair, returned his thanks in a short, pointed, and appropriate address.

The fourth article of the Rules of Decorum was altered as follows: The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk

and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present.

Bro. Gallman requested to be released from the office of Treasurer—which was granted.

Whereupon, Bro. E. N. SUMRALL, of Crystal Springs, was elected Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters.

Received a petition from Spring Hill, and Rodney Baptist church, requesting to be admitted to membership; which was granted, and the delegates names enrolled.

Appointed the following standing committees:

To arrange preaching during the present session—Brethren Wm. Mullins, Levi Elmore, S. H. Coleman, G. W. Foster, and W. S. McDonald.

To arrange the order of business—Brethren S. G. Mullins, W. F. Green, S. Buffkin.

On Finance—Brethren F. A. Martin, S. H. Coleman, A. J. Tillman.

On Nominations—Brethren Wm. Mullins, W. F. Green, O. L. Johnston, S. H. Coleman, Henry Coleman.

Called for correspondence.

Received from Strong River Association a bundle of minutes, and her messenger, S. W. Dale.

From Mississippi Association, her messenger, C. L. Oliver.

From the Mississippi Baptist State Convention—D. J. Brown, W. W. Bolls, E. R. Freeman, S. G. Mullins, J. M. Griffin, and A. Jones, Jr.

Appointed correspondence as follows:

To Central Association—Brethren D. J. Brown, W. W. Bolls, W. B. Gallman, F. A. Martin, and J. J. Green. Bro. Bolls to write letter of correspondence.

Mississippi Association—Brethren O. L. Johnston, S. Buffkin, S. D. Dodds, S. Tillman, E. N. Sumrall. Bro. Johnston to write.

Strong River Association—A. R. Lum, W. F. Green, H. Coleman, and N. Morris. Bro. Green to write.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—D. J. Brown, E. R. Freeman, W. W. Bolls, W. B. Gallman, W. Mullins, W. F. Green, S. G. Mullins, H. Coleman, S. Buff'kin and A. R. Lum. Bro. Freeman to write.

Bayou Magon Association—S. Tillman, S. G. Mullins, E. B. Thompson, Israel Coleman, and W. F. Green. Bro. Mullins to write.

Adjourned until half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. A. Jones.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. S. G. Mullins.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

The invitation was accepted by Brethren Aaron Jones, editor of the "Mississippi Baptist," and C. H. Oetkins, agent for the chapel fund of Mississippi College.

Brethren Jones and Oetkins were invited to present to this body the respective claims which they represent.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this body to invite Bro. J. R. Graves to visit us, reported that they had performed that service, and that Bro. Graves is now present with us, having arrived in the neighborhood last evening.

Whereupon, he was cordially invited to take a seat with us, and to represent the interests of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, which he cheerfully consented to do.

The committee to arrange the order of business, made the following report, which was adopted:

1. Call the roll.
2. Receive petitions.
3. Appoint special committees.
4. Read letters of correspondence.
5. Hear reports.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Motions and resolutions.
8. Adjourn.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Appointed the following special committees:

On Domestic Missions—S. G. Mullins, W. F. Green, W.W. Bolls, E. R. Freeman, S. Buffkin and Wm. Mullins.

On Publications—W. F. Green, and O. L. Johnston.

Sabbath Schools—W. W. Bolls, H. Coleman and G. W. Foster.

Adopted the letters of correspondence.

Received and adopted the report of the special committee appointed the last Association to settle with the book committee, which is as follows:

Your committee appointed at the last session of this Association, to settle with the Book Committee and to secure for the Association as many life directorships and life memberships, as we had books and money, would beg leave to report:

That we endeavored previous to the meeting of the Convention to get a settlement with the Book Committee, but failed, owing to the books being in different parts of the Association. We, however, had a conference with that committee, and ascertained as near as we could that the probable amount was about one hundred dollars, and upon this statement we submitted our desire to the Bible and Colporteur Society, to-wit: to give us as many directorships as we had books and money to pay for, the Association having the right to appoint delegates to represent her in that body. On motion it was unanimously agreed to.

Since that time your Committee has made a final settlement with your Book Committee, and have to report that we have on hand $33 79 worth of books, and $83 21 in cash; total $117 in books and money. Which will give us four life directors, and one life member—$7 over, which we will pay over according to promise.

All of which is respectfully submitted, W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

Appointed Brethren Wm. Mullins, S. Buffkin, E. R. Freeman, J. J. Green and W. B. Gallman, correspondents to the Bible and Colporteur Society.

On motion,

Resolved, That we hold our next session with Damascus Church, near Hazlehurst, Copiah county.

Adjourned to hear a discourse from Bro. A. Jones.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met.

Prayer by Bro. W. Mullins.

Adopted the report of the Executive Board. (See Appendix A.)

Received the report of the committee on Publications.

After addresses from Brethren Graves and Jones, the report was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Received the report of the committee on Domestic Missions. After an animated discussion upon the motion to adopt, the committee requested the privilege of withdrawing their report for the purpose of making some alterations, which was granted.

Adjourned until nine o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Bro. W. H. Anderson.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 11 o'clock, the Missionary Sermon was preached by Bro. W. B. Gallman, at the stand, at the close of which, a collection was taken up, amounting to $60 35.

At the same hour, Bro. W. F. Green preached to the colored congregation in the house.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., Bro. J. R. Graves, of Nashville, Tenn., preached a very interesting discourse to an attentive audience.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met.

Prayer by Bro. Oliver.

Adopted the following report of a Special Committee appointed at the last Association:

Your Committee appointed to visit Ebenezer church to advise them what to do, would submit the following as their report—

We visited that church and found it in a very low condition Only about six members could be mustered. The most of these were willing to hold on, and endeavor to build up the cause. We believe that they were able to pay for two Sabbath preachings in a month, consequently we were not willing to extinguish the light. But we gave them no special advice what to do. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

Adopted the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions. (Appendix C.)

Adopted the report of the Committee on Finance. (Appendix D.)

Adopted the report of the Committee on Nominations, which is as follows:

Your committee report that Elder W. W. Bolls preach the next Introductory Sermon. S. Buffkin, alternate.

Elder E. R. Freeman to preach the Missionary Sermon. W. F. Green, alternate.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

D. J. BROWN, of Linden, *Moderator.*
W. B. GALLMAN, of Crystal Springs, *Secretary.*
E. N. SUMRALL, of Crystal Springs, *Treasurer.*
F. A. Martin, Utica;
W. F. Green, Pine Bluff;
Edwin Burnley, Pine Ridge;
Wm. Mullins, Caseyville;
James Beasley, Linden.

Received the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. After an interesting address from Bro. J. R. Graves, the report was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Resolved, That the churches composing this Association be earnestly requested to send up full statistics of their Sabbath Schools, to our next meeting, and that churches having no Sabbath Schools be requested to organize them at the earliest day practicable.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met.

Prayer by Bro. Martin.

Adopted the report of the Visiting Committee of the Central Female Institute. (See Appendix F.)

Adopted the report of the Visiting Committee of Mississippi College. (See Appendix G.)

Unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolution:

In order to secure a representation in the Southern Sunday School Union, to meet in Louisville, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November next:

Resolved, That we will appoint one delegate, and pay his expenses to and from the meeting.

Bro. Wm. Mullins was appointed said delegate, with authority to appoint his alternate; provided, he finds it impracticable to go himself.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the kind brethren, sisters and friends, in this vicinity for the very hospitable and cordial reception we have met during our session:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the officers of this body for the prompt attention and christian courtesy, which they have manifested in the discharge of their duties:

Resolved, That the clerk have the usual number of copies of the minutes printed; that he be authorised to draw on the treasurer to pay for the same, and that he be allowed $25 for his services as clerk:

Read and adopted the minutes.

After which, the Association closed a very harmonious and interesting session, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September next, with Damascus Church, near Hazlehurst, in Copiah county, Mississippi.

D. J. BROWN, Moderator.

W. B. GALLMAN, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

BOLLS, W. W.,	Pine Bluff.
BUFFKIN, S.,	Pine Ridge.
FREEMAN, E. R.,	Hamburg.
GALLMAN, W. B.,	Crystal Springs.
GREEN, W. F.,	Pine Bluff.
GRIFFING, D.,	Hazlehurst.
JOHNSTON, O. L.,	Hazlehurst.
LUM, A. R.,	Union Church.
MULLINS, WM.,	Caseyville.
MULLINS, S. G.,	McCall's Creek.

LICENTIATES.

Brown, D. J.,	Linden.	Corban, S. M.,	Hamburg.
Green, J. J.,	Clinton.	Griffing, J. M.,	Hamburg.
Morris, N.,	Crystal Springs.		

APPENDICES.

A.—REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Union Association to the Association:

Dear Brethren: Your Board would respectfully beg leave to report, That soon after the last Association we employed brother A. R. Lum to devote his whole time to the service of the Board. We had no meeting from that time until the assembling of this body. We met at Bro. Coleman's on the night of the 31st inst.

Brother Lum reported ten months service to the Board; traveled 1,032 miles, preached 61 sermons, baptized 21, organized 1 church, and ordained 2 deacons. For consideration of which service, your Board resolved to pay him $417 50, deducting however $50 60, the amount our missionary collected from the people to whom he preached.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. MULLINS, Moderator.

O. L. JOHNSTON, Clerk, pro. tem.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications report, That realizing as we do, the importance of a general diffusion of religious knowledge in our bounds, and feeling the necessity for the use of sound religious literature, teaching the peculiarities of our denomination, would respectfully recommend to our brethren and sisters to patronize our valuable State organ, the "Mississippi Baptist," the "Tennessee Baptist," the "Christian Repository," and we would further recommend our brethren to patronize the Southwestern Publishing House, and purchase those valuable publications of our denomination, issued at this Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn.

W. F. GREEN, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions report—From an examination of the destitute parts of our Association, and the best information we can get relative to the labor in these parts, we believe there is an urgent necessity for the adoption of some other means in order to obtain the result we all so much desire. We believe the destitution in our bounds is not so much from a want of money as of some efficient plan by which to reach those who would *willingly* give of their substance to support the gospel.

What we need is men to go to the destitute, qualified to awaken interest on the great subject of salvation through Christ.

We therefore recommend, first, that the present number of our Board be reduced to five instead of ten, three of whom shall constitute a quorum. Second, that we recommend said Board to employ at least one efficient minister immediately, to labor in the counties of Claiborne, Jefferson and Adams, and further, that the several churches composing our body adopt some system immediately, by which to defray the expenses of said minister or ministers. We further believe there will be no difficulty in sustaining our missionaries, if each pastor of our churches will but present their claims. We therefore recommend that this be done by each pastor upon his return home, with the co-operation of the delegates here present. Brethren, the Master has committed to our hands a great work which demands our immediate and direct attention, for the night cometh in which no man can work.

We recommend the adoption of the following—

Resolved, That our Board solicit the co-operation of the Board of the State Convention in securing the services of some efficient minister or ministers, to labor in our bounds, and to aid us in sustaining him or them if we need their assistance.

Resolved, further, That the clerk send a copy of this report and resolutions to the President of said Board immediately.

S. G. MULLINS, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report: That they have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find the same correctly stated. Showing a balance on hand at the commencement of this Association, of.....$316 53
To which may be added the amount sent up by the churches..... 168 90
Ditto, amount collected on the Sabbath..... 60 36

Making a total amount on hand of.....$544 78

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. A. MARTIN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WARREN M. ELLIS,

In account with Union Baptist Association.

		Dr.
1859.		
Sept. 27.	To am't on hand as per acc't rend....	$486 88
Oct. 29.	" " collected at Pine Bluff from Union meeting.....	28 55
1860.		
Jan. 29.	" " collected at New Zion from Union meeting.....	22 15
Apr. 30.	" " collected at White Oak from Union meeting.....	16 05
	collected at Bethany, Union meeting	15 60
		$569 13

		Cr.
1859.		
Oct. 5.	By amount paid Rev. S. G. Mullins and S. Tillman, delegates to Southern B. S. S. Con.	$ 62 00
Nov. 17.	" " " "Mississippi Baptist" for printing minutes	50 00
1860.		
Jan. 29.	" " " Rev. A. R. Lum, as missionary.....	22 15
Apr. 30.	" " " Rev. A. R. Lum, as missionary.....	83 95

By amount allowed the clerk for labor and expenses.....	20	00
" " due Asso. to balance....	315	53
" " paid Rev. A. R. Lum...	15	60
	$569	13

Respectfully submitted,

Sept. 19, '60. W. M. ELLIS, Treasurer.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The subject of Sabbath Schools is one that should lie very near to every parent's heart, and they should foster and encourage every enterprise that has for its object the providing for the proper training of children. Parents are especially particular in providing for the intellectual training, food and raiment for their children. This is right. But is this all? Must they not provide proper religious training, also? This they cannot avoid, and if they do not guard their minds, and place in their hands that, that is in accordance with God's revealed word, they have denied the faith, and are worse than infidels. But a few years ago, Baptists had no Sabbath School books of their own. If our children were instructed on the Sabbath it was from Pedobaptist books, or the American Sabbath School Union. The former of these teach their own particular views; the latter profess to suppress a portion of God's word, so that all could unite in the enterprise. In this those Baptists that engaged in it, made all the sacrifice. But Baptists are waking up on this subject. About two years ago, a few brethren called a convention on this subject. In Nov. 1858, the largest convention that ever assembled on any benevolent object, met in Memphis. To that body this Association appointed delegates. There was organized the Southern Sabbath School Union, and raised over $2,000 for the purpose of publishing books that would not suppress or deviate in any way from God's word. Last November, it met in Canton, the first annual meeting, and $4,700 more was raised. At the semi-annual meeting at Rome, Ga., $6,200 more was added to the above amounts. Besides this, our agents are in the field

operating all the time raising funds. Thus you see how the Baptists are seeing the necessity of Sabbath School literature, by contributing their means. With this fund we are publishing books as fast as possible. Since the Union organized, 55 volumes of reading books have been published--all written by Southern authors. Of these, there has been sold 2700 volumes; three question books are out—of these 30,000 copies have been sold. The Children's Friend has a circulation of 19,000, with an increase of about 1000 a month.

You see what has been done in less than two years. Baptists have always been in favor of giving to the heathen all the words of God. We contended for Judson's translation, and circulated it because it gave the Words of life to them. Shall we be less faithful to our children? This enterprise is gaining friends in every direction, and we hope the time will soon come when Baptists will use their own literature. The majority, if not all of the Sabbath Schools in this Association are Baptist.

With this report we would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the operations of the Union, and would recommend it to Baptists for their support and patronage.

Resolved, That we recommend the churches in the bounds of this Association to establish Baptist schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BOLLS, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON CENTRAL FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The undersigned, who was appointed at your last session to visit Mississippi College and Central Female Institute, at the late Commencement, would respectfully report,

That he visited Clinton at the time appointed, but owing to the fact that the College and Institute were conducting their examination at the same time, he could not attend both. He, however, attended the examination of the Institute, and so far as he is qualified to judge, he would state that the course of instruction was thorough; that the questions were answered with promptness and accuracy,

and that the faculty showed, by the manner in which the various classes conducted themselves, that they were worthy of the liberal patronage bestowed upon the Institute by a liberal public. It closed with 168 students, which shows that the public have full confidence in the Institute, and your committee confidently recommends said Instisute to the brotherhood and the public generally.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. BROWN.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of visiting the Mississippi College, beg leave to report: That they have performed that duty to the best of their ability, and are happy to state that from all the information they have been able to gather from a careful attention upon the exercises in their late examination, that said institution is in a healthful and progressive state, having, as shown from their catalogue, 201 students, three of whom were graduates at their last commencement. They have erected quite a handsome and commodious chapel, which is now about completed, all of brick; 110 feet long, 56 feet wide, and two stories high, for which they have contracted a debt of about $5,000—for the payment of which they are dependant upon the denomination, and we hope and trust that the generosity of our denomination will not suffer to go long unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. GREEN.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Adopted the First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of union amongst churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the same in essence—equal in power and glory.

2d. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude—in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

5th. We believe there is one Mediator between God and Man—the Man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of Love.

7th. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead, and a general Judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who hath given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church—the only law giver, and that the government is with the church.

3d. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until His second coming.

4th. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5th. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6th. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism, and as members of the visible church.

7th. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church, to expel from her communion, all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches, in our union, shall compose the Association.

2d. The delegates so chosen, shall produce letters from their respective churches,

certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship; those baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed; excommunicated and dead; since the last Association.

3d. The delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4th. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator's giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th. No church in this union shall have a right to more than *three* delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7th. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated: and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; *provided always*, that those be first considered, which affect the Union of the churches.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9th. Only one person shall speak at once; who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12th. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13th. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14th. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16th. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union, to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17th. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

THE POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1st. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general Union of the churches.

2d. To keep up a friendly correspondence, (when convenient,) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3d. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them, if possible.

5th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6th. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union, which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7th. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8th. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9th. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	White Males	White Females	Blacks	Total	No. Minutes	Sabbath Meeting	Contributions
Antioch	Copiah	Pine Ridge	S Buffkin, W T Allen, C R Price	5	2	1	8	..	1	26	34	60	120	50	4	9 00
Bethany	Copiah	Linden	Jas Beasley,* H J Wilson, D T Segrest,*	..	..	..	1	1	1	17	28	8	53	30	1	6 00
Bethesda	Jefferson	Union Church	Uriah Humphrey, D Lum, J R Nevil	27	6	1	6	2	..	†	†	4	†	30	3	11 00
Bethlehem	Franklin	Hamburg	S M Corban, Jas Buckels, J M Griffing	31	..	1	6	..	1	16	31	60	107	20	1&3	5 00
Brushy Fork	Copiah	Linden	D J Brown, A Heath,* J C Pitts,*	14	5	4	4	3	1	30	41	23	94	30	3	20 00
Clear Creek	Adams	Washington	No delegation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Damascus	Copiah	Hazlehurst	W B Gallman, O L Johnston, A J Tillman, L J Garrett, J L Amos,* A Slay	25	36	1	25	3	5	101	130	33	264	130	2&4	14 00
Ebenezer	Jefferson	Fayette	No delegation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fellowship	Jefferson	Rodney	S H Coleman, Israel Coleman, W S M'Donald, G W Foster	2	4	..	18	..	1	17	27	108	152	50	1&3	10 50
Magnolia	Claiborne	Port Gibson	E B Tohmpson, Geo Killian, Levi Elmore	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	17	19	45	10	†	6 00
New Providence	Copiah	Caseyville	Wm Mullins, W F Davis, P H Davis,*	12	3	1	6	1	1	23	32	7	62	35	1&3	7 00
New Zion	Copiah	Crystal Springs	John Lewis, E N Sumrall, J L Lewis	15	6	1	6	1	1	24	31	6	61	50	3	15 50
Piedmont	Jefferson	Union Church	S G Mullins, John Lee,* A C Snyder	20	6	..	2	1	1	33	40	5	78	50	2&4	6 00
Pine Bluff	Copiah	Pine Bluff	W W Bolls, W F Green, B F Ford,* W S Carter	15	15	..	19	3	2	57	84	24	165	75	1	15 00
Pleasant Hill	Copiah	Union Church	H Short, A R Lum, J D Parrish	5	6	5	1	2	..	14	28	1	43	30	2	7 00
Rodney	Jefferson	Rodney	Wm E Bolls, J A Edwards, Samuel Emanuel	3	3	..	..	..	..	†	†	6	20	40	2&4	13 00
Spring Hill	Copiah	Hazlehurst	S D Dodds, S J M Bulloch, T C Collins	6	2	..	1	..	..	9	10	5	25	25	4	10 00
White Oak	Copiah	Utica	F A Martin, H Coleman, J J Green, H S Green, J M Fulgham	7	1	2	12	2	2	44	69	111	224	70	2&4	13 60
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				187	96	17	106	19	18	420	602	380	1513	725		168 60

* Absent. † Not reported.

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